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SUBJECT: CYPRUS WILL FOLLOW EU LEAD ON TRANSNISTRIA

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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

11. (C) On July 14, poloff delivered reftel message to Vasos Chamberlen, in the MFA's Division of Bilateral Affairs. Chamberlen said the Transnistrian referendum was likely a response to economic restrictions placed on the region. He said that Russia was probably seeking to draw parallels between Transnistria and the situation in Kosovo, and cited as evidence Putin's recent comment that his country was "in favor of universal solutions" to regional conflicts. He believed the EU would view the referendum negatively and would likely issue a statement to that effect. Cyprus would support this, and for its own political reasons would always support the maintenance of Moldova's territorial integrity.

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